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In re Application of

METHODS FOR TRANSFERRING HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGES INTO

MARK. W. SCHAEFER

METAL SURFACES

Serial No. 09/473,246

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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF AN INTERFERENCE WITH MENTZ ET AL. 6,017,657

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC 600 Grant Street, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219 September 4, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 18, 2002, please amend the above-captioned Application by amending Claims 1 and 9 and adding new Claim 26 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method of applying a holographic image to the surface of an article made of hard temper metal comprising:

providing a photoresist coated plate,

etching a holographic pattern in the photoresist with said pattern etched to a depth of at least about 3 microns in the photoresist,

growing a mother shim on said photoresist with said pattern in it from

said photoresist,

transferring said pattern from the mother shim to multiple sister

shims,

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